

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 and 44-52 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 16, 23, and 44-46 are independent. Claims 29-42 are multiple dependent claims. Claim 43 has been canceled, claims 44-48 have been amended, and claims 49-52 have been added by this Amendment.

Unpatentability Rejection over Zait et al. and Cheng et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 43, 47, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zait et al. (US 2005/0084767) and Cheng et al. (US 2002/0172235A1) is requested.

Claim 43 has been canceled, and claims 47-48 now depend from allowable claim 44, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1-42 are allowed, and that claims 44-46 are drawn to allowable subject matter. In reliance thereupon, each of claims 44-46 have been rewritten in independent form.

Further, dependent claims 47-48 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 44.

Allowance of claims 44-48 is requested.

New Claims

New claims 49-52 have been drafted to variously depend from allowable claims 44-46. Claims 49 and 51 correspond to claim 47, and claims 50 and 52 correspond to claim 48.

Allowance of new dependent claims 49-52 is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes that each of pending claims 1-42 and 44-52 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. An early indication of the same would be appreciated.

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In the event that the Examiner believes that an interview would serve to expedite resolution of any outstanding issue in this application, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number indicated below.

For any fee that is due, please charge IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510, under Order No. YOR920030128US1, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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